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E. O. 11652: XGDS
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SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER' S REQUEST FOR INTER-
VIEW WITH SECRETARY IN BUENOS AIRES
REFERENCE: PANAMA 2648
FOR KUBISCH FROM HURWITCH
1. PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ REVILLA DELIVERED TO
COUNTRY DIRECTOR MAY 17 FORMAL REPLY FROM FOREIGN MINISTER
TACK TO AMBASSADOR ANDERSON' S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 23, WHICH
CONSTITUTED LATEST STATEMENT OF USG' S NEGOTIATING POSTURE.
TONE OF REPLY IS NON- POLEMIC, IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS GOP
COMMUNICATIONS ON TREATY MATTERS; CONTAINS ONE NEGOTIATING
CONCESSION (UNUSUAL IN ITSELF) WHICH GONZALEZ CHARACTERIZES
AS " MAJOR", I. E., THAT NEW TREATY SHALL EXPIRE NOT IN 1994
AS GOP HAS STEADFASTLY HELD HERETOFORE BUT, RATHER, AT " END
OF CENTURY;" AND INVITES USG NEGOTIATORS TO RETURN TO
PANAMA AT ONCE FOR CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS.

2. AT REQUEST ACTING SECRETARY WE ARE INITIATING INTER-
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AGENCY REVIEW OF US RELATIONSHIP WITH PANAMA INCLUDING, MOST IMPORTANTLY, ITS TREATY NEGOTIATION ASPECT.

3. BELIEVE THESE CIRCUMSTANCES REINFORCE AMBASSADOR SAYRE' S RECOMMENDATION THAT SECRETARY RECEIVE TACK, WHO HAS SAID HE WISHES TO TALK ABOUT TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AND TO DELIVER PERSONAL LETTER TO SECRETARY. SUGGESTED TALKING

POINTS FOR SECRETARY WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY.

4. IN CONNECTION INTER- AGENCY REVIEW IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF SPANISH TEXT OF ANY LETTER TACK DELIVERS TO SECRETARY IN BUENOS AIRES COULD BE CABLED TO DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY ON RECEIPT. - -

5. FOR PANAMA. WE ARE CABLING TO YOU FULL SPANISH TEXT OF TACK' S REPLY AND WILL APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT COMMENTS.

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